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# Katrina O'Brien

## *Distinguished Music Educator of the Year*

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## *About*

Katrina O'Brien's passion for students, her enthusiasm, and 'never-ever-ever give up attitude' is a daily reminder to our students and staff that if we work hard enough, we can learn and do anything. Katrina not only brings life to our school music program, she has spent her time at Seabrook Elementary School spreading joy through our entire community both inside our building and to the homes of our students. Katrina is always willing to give up her own time to meet with students (before school, lunches, during the day, after school, and even into nights and weekends online). In every free moment, students gather to make music, sing out, create, play instruments, move their bodies, dance, and to find connections with themselves and each other. Performances at Seabrook Elementary School are not just concerts - they are experiences! Mrs. O'Brien spends months and months planning to ensure that EVERY student has the opportunity to dance, to speak out, sing, and to feel the excitement of being part of the thematic performances.